

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
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Plaintiff,                 )  
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vs.                         )  
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MELISSA A.M. BITTNEW,    )  
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Defendant.                 )

8:14CR227

ORDER

This matter is before the court on defendant's unopposed motions to continue trial [20] and [21] as counsel needs additional time to prepare for trial and conduct plea negotiations. The court finds good cause being shown and the trial shall be continued. The defendant shall comply with NECrimR 12.1(a).

**IT IS ORDERED** that the motions to continue trial [20] and [21] is granted, as follows:

1. The jury trial now set for August 26, 2014 is continued to **September 30, 2014**.
2. Defendant is ordered to file a waiver of speedy trial as soon as practicable
3. In accordance with 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A), the court finds that the ends of justice will be served by granting this continuance and outweigh the interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial. Any additional time arising as a result of the granting of this motion, that is, the time between **today's date and September 30, 2014**, shall be deemed excludable time in any computation of time under the requirement of the Speedy Trial Act. Failure to grant a continuance would deny counsel for the defendant the reasonable time necessary for effective preparation, taking into account the exercise of due diligence. 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A) & (B)(iv).

DATED August 11, 2014.

BY THE COURT:

s/ F.A. Gossett  
United States Magistrate Judge